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Army Eliminates Backlog Of Untrained Reservists

The large backlog of untrained reservists that existed in the Army last year has been virtually eliminated, the Defense Department announced June 19.

Only some 5,300 non-prior-service Army reservists will be untrained at the end of June, DOD said, contrasting to the 133,000 untrained reservists on hand in June of last year.

Moreover, the 5,300 largely represent those who enlisted in the Army Reserve during May and most of them are scheduled to enter training in July.

An accelerated training program announced by the Army in December was credited with eliminating the untrained backlog.

Lower draft calls and attendant changes in active Army training requirements were also cited.

"Current enlistment rates and training base capacity permit placing most of the reservists in training within 45 to 65 days after they enlist," DOD said.

This is well below the past operating levels of about 20,000, which Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara described in January as normal and a level that could be reached in June 1967.

Navy School of Aeronautics Opens at Pensacola, Fla.

Navy has opened a new professional flight school at Pensacola which will offer students an opportunity to work toward a master's degree while learning to fly and earning Navy wings.

The first class of the Naval School of Aeronautics is hand picked. Thirty-two college graduates among the aviation officer candidates who had completed their primary phase of flight training were selected to insure above average scholastic ability and flight aptitude.

The nine-month course of instruction includes flight instruction and ground training by a faculty composed of military and civilian instructors.

"The school's ultimate goal is to provide training which will qualify graduates for a recognized, accredited degree at the Master's degree level," Navy said.

Navy is seeking to develop a cooperative degree program with universities to bring this about.

Naval Air Training Command Headquarters at Pensacola, Fla., will operate the school.

SECOND MIG KILL—Air Force Captains Richard M. Pascoe (left) and Norman E. Wells add another star to an F-4C Phantom after claiming their second MIG kill in early June. The two pilots, from the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron, scored their first kill Jan. 6, 1967.

Army Announces New Program For Enlisted Commissioning

The Army has announced a new program for furthering the education and future of active duty enlisted personnel.

The new program, "Baccalaureate Degree—OCS Commissioning," calls for the Army to select up to 50 qualified enlisted personnel annually to participate for a maximum of 24 months as full time college students to satisfy requirements leading to a baccalaureate degree.

The program will apply to the following fields which are particularly suited to the needs of the Army: language, journalism, business or public administration, physical sciences (including mathematics), economics, international relations, history, psychology, engineering and personnel management.

Upon completion of the needed college requirements, participants will attend Officers Candidate School leading to a reserve commission as a 2nd lieutenant with concurrent call to active duty for a period of from 3 to 4 years duration.

Personnel failing to complete either the civil schooling or OCS will fulfill the enlisted service obligation made at the time of entry into the program.

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HIGH LEVEL conference of leaders in American, British, Canadian and Australian armies was held at Headquarters, Mobile Command, Province of Quebec, Canada. U.S. Army delegation was headed by Maj. Gen. J. J. Ewell, Deputy Commanding General, Combat Developments Command, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Conference was 11th in series of TEAL discussions which review progress and problems in ABCA Armies Standardization Program.

NEW RADIATION PHYSICS facility for measuring minute quantities of radioactive materials in human body will soon be in operation at Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Tex. Part of Radiobiology Branch, facility will be capable of determining presence of radioactive element, identify kind of radioisotope and locate primary site of isotope.

HICKAM ROOM SHORTAGE at local hotels as well as transient billeting will be extremely critical from June through mid-October, officials at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, warn. Officials there request all nonessential trips during this period be postponed or cancelled.

ARMY WAR COLLEGE Commandant Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Salet has announced formation of U.S. Army War College Alumni Association. Membership in organization is open to all former students and faculty members of Army's senior school. Association will begin operation this fall.

AIR FORCE RESERVE'S 302nd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz., was judged outstanding reserve unit for 1966 by Reserve Officers Association. Presentation of award was made by ROA at multi-service organization's 41st national convention in San Francisco.

NASA AND BOEING Co. have signed estimated $20 million letter contract enlarging scope of company's work with NASA by including integration of three modules of Apollo spacecraft with Saturn launch vehicle. Under new contract, Boeing will assist and support NASA in performance of certain technical integration and evaluation tasks for Apollo project flight AS-501 through AS-515.

ARMY COMBAT DEVELOPMENTS Command celebrated its fifth anniversary at Ft. Belvoir June 20 amid a change of command. Maj. Gen. (lieutenant general nominee) Harry W. O. Kinnard relieved Lt. Gen. Ben Harrell as Commanding General. Gen. Kinnard was Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development. Gen. Harrell assumed post of Commanding General, Sixth Army, in San Francisco.

ESTIMATED 93 PERCENT of Army troops stationed in Vietnam are being served hot meals. Meals consist primarily of frozen meats, vegetables and fruit and are delivered from unit kitchens in insulated food containers directly to troops in field.

KOREA AIR FORCE Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Chang Chi Ryang visited with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell following a week-long tour of Air Force installations in U.S. June 15-22. Among Air Force bases visited by Gen. Ryang were Nellis AFB, Nev., NORAD Headquarters and Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Col., Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Offutt AFB, Neb., and Eglin AFB, Fla.

NEW DOD POLICY (Dir. 1115.5 of 8 May 1967) requires armed forces recruiters to urge and to assist those rejected for induction or enlistment in contacting State Employment Service officers to establish civilian careers.

FOURTEEN MILITARY AIRLIFT and Troop Carrier Wings of Air Force Reserve were honored by Reserve Officers Association. Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Horace B. Hanson, ROA national president, presented certificate of Outstanding Accomplishment to Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry Viccellio, Commander, Continental Air Command.

BRIG. GEN. JAMES O. LINDBERG becomes the Director of Procurement Policy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems & Logistics, Hq USAF, effective 5 July 1967. He replaces Brigadier General Robert J. Meyer, who has transferred to a new post as Director of Aircraft & Missiles, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations & Logistics).

AMERICAN ACADEMY of Oral Medicine will honor Army Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Bernier, DC, during 21st annual meeting, June 22-25. A gold medal memorializing founder of academy, Dr. Samuel Charles Miller, will be awarded to Gen. Bernier for outstanding achievements in Oral Pathology and Periodontology. Gen. Bernier has been Assistant Surgeon General and Chief, Army Dental Corps since August 1960.

SIX HUNDRED outstanding Air Force ROTC cadets will be selected for financial assistance grants by central selection board convened at Maxwell AFB, Ala., June 19. New recipients will be entering their sophomore year at over 140 colleges and universities hosting Air University's Air Force ROTC four-year program.

AIR FORCE SAYS personnel desiring space-available transportation to Southeast Asia should not report to Charleston AFB, S.C., but to Travis AFB, Calif.

ARMY AVIATION MATERIEL Command has awarded two contracts totaling $8.68 million to Avco Corp., Lycoming Division, Stratford, Conn. Contracts provide for production and delivery of T55-L11 aircraft engines at cost of $4.68 million and special tooling amounting to $4 million.

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JUST A FEW FEET MORE—An F-4C Phantom crewmember completes the 200-yard swim as his companions in a one-day sea survival school at Da Nang AB, RVN, await him in a 20-man life raft. The swim is one phase of a four-part instruction in survival at sea.

OVER THE SIDE—A crew member leaps over the side of a Navy lighter used in the sea survival school's classes. Wearing a parachute harness which is attached to the boat, the man is dragged along, much as he would be behind a wind-driven parachute.

Air Force Unit Operates Sea Survival School in RVN

A sea survival school in South Vietnam, operated by members of the Base Life Support Section, Da Nang AB, is providing F-4C Phantom pilots of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing with practical sea survival experience.

Students carry only the equipment they normally are equipped with on strike missions. The survival kit carried as a part of the Phantom's seat ejection system is unpacked at the beach by a senior survival instructor who explains its use and purpose to refamiliarize the pilots.

The pilots are then told to swim to a 20-man life raft anchored 200 yards off shore. Swimming in groups of four, pilots are equipped with an inflatable life preserver, which they may deploy during the long swim.

On arrival at the 20-man raft, pilots are then taken aboard a Navy lighter where they put on a standard parachute harness. The harness is attached to the lighter and the pilots leap into the sea. They are dragged along behind the boat at five to six knots to simulate a parachute landing in water.

Students are taught to extend their arms and legs while lying on their backs and plane over the water. They may also turn stomach down and "body surf" behind the simulated parachute.

Pilots are then taught to release themselves from the harness, while being towed and tossed about, and crawl into a one-man dinghy.

In the final phase of the one-day school—the so-called "graduation exercise"—a pilot is plucked from the sea by a Marine H-34 Choctaw helicopter.

Army Revises General Order List for Post Guard Duty

The Army will replace its present 11 general orders for post guard duty with three new ones. The change will take effect Aug. 1.

The new orders are:

1. I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.

2. I will obey my special orders and perform all my duties in a military manner.

3. I will report violations of my special orders, emergencies, and anything not covered in my instructions, to the commander of the relief.

The three orders are to be supplemented on each post by a set of realistic, detailed and mission-oriented special orders established by the commanding officer.

Additional orders will be tailored for the specific post and situation from the viewpoint of security and sentry effectiveness and protection.

Automated Data System to Keep Track of Pilots' Flight Records

Beginning July 1 an automated data system will replace manual procedures for maintaining individual flight records of rated personnel in the Air Force.

The system will be used by all installations. The manual Form 5 and 5A system will be closed out June 30.

On flight records alone, the base flight management data system is expected to show annual savings of more than $1 million and 463,500 man-power hours.

Air Force Team Completes $1 Million Salvage Job

A 16-man Air Force Logistics Command Rapid Area Maintenance Team salvaged nearly $1 million worth of parts from a C-130 cargo aircraft which crashed in a Viet Cong-infested zone.

The RAM team was one of AFLC's units whose principal duty in Vietnam is to repair crash and battle damaged aircraft.

On a 90-day tour of temporary duty from the Sacramento Air Material Area, McClellan AFB, Calif., the RAM team was quickly pressed into service when the C-130 crashed about five miles north of Tay Ninh.

Under the cover of four platoons of troops to provide security around the aircraft, the RAM team was flown into the area and began stripping the aircraft two days after the crash.

Although under the threat of possible enemy attack, the team recovered three of the aircraft's four engines, including the propellers; all radio, radar and instrumentation equipment; the main left landing gear; the right rear landing gear, and a large quantity of miscellaneous equipment.

When an enemy attack appeared eminent, the team pulled out, burning the remainder of the plane to prevent it from falling into Viet Cong hands.

Defense Dept. Cancels Exercise Kitty Hawk

Exercise Kitty Hawk was cancelled by the Defense Department June 20 to reduce defense expenditures.

DOD estimated the Strike Command maneuver, slated for the first week in August in North Carolina, would have cost more than $20 million. Some 70,000 men from all four services would have been involved, including some ground and air reserve component units.

"Alternate plans for training of affected National Guard and Reserve units are under study by the Services," the DOD announcement said.

GROUND-BREAKING—Retired Admirals Raymond A. Spruance (left) and Royal E. Ingersoll (center) join RAdm. E. J. O'Donnell, Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., in ground-breaking ceremonies for the school's new academic building, Ingersoll Hall. The facility will be named for Adm. Ingersoll; his father, the late RAdm. Royal R. Ingersoll; and his son, Lt. Royal R. Ingersoll II, killed aboard USS Hornet in 1942. Adm. Ingersoll was Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet during WWII, while Adm. Spruance commanded the U.S. Fifth Fleet in the Pacific.

Navy Engineers Develop Satellite Radar Antenna

Engineers at the Navy's Research Laboratory have developed a lightweight radar antenna designed to be stored aboard satellites and deployed at a desired time during orbit.

A parabolic cylinder with an aperature 24 feet wide by 40 inches high, the antenna can be passed through a hatch 32 by 42 inches.

Total weight of the new antenna is 64.6 lbs., and Naval Research Laboratory engineers believe this weight can be reduced through refinement in basic design.

Because of its relatively large aperature, the antenna is expected to provide better resolution of targets than can be obtained with an antenna having a smaller aperature.

Marine Corps Announces FY68 Board Schedule

Headquarters Marine Corps has announced the fiscal year 1968 schedule for selection boards to consider officers for promotion and continuation on the active duty list.

Selection boards for promotion to major general and brigadier general will meet July 11. The board to select officers for promotion to colonel is scheduled for July 25 and the lieutenant colonel selection board will meet Aug. 8.

The board to consider promotions to major is scheduled to meet Sept. 6, and the board for captains will meet July 6.

Women officers for promotion to the grades of lieutenant colonel, major and captain will be considered Oct. 3.

The board to consider promotions within the chief warrant officer grades (W-4, W-3, W-2—regular officers only) is scheduled to meet Nov. 2.

Naval Scientists Develop New High Expansion Foam

A portable high expansion foam generating system developed by the Naval Applied Science Laboratory will soon be delivered to sea-going vessels and Navy firefighting schools.

The new high expansion foam was developed to combat liquid fuel fires in engine, boiler and machinery spaces on naval and merchant marine ships.

High expansion foam, unlike conventional firefighting agents used aboard ship, will fill a compartment in a few minutes, flowing over and around obstructions and engulfing fires without a reflash.

The new agent can be applied from outside a compartment through a hatch opening, as compared with conventional agents which must be applied directly on, or in the immediate vicinity of the fire. A swivel-mounted door permits operators to direct the foam horizontally or vertically.

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